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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

15 June 2007

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action date 15 March 2007 from
Examiner Louis K. Huynh of Art Unit 3721.

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STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Claims 1-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,996,309 to Focke (Focke '309).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE

This response is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory deadline and no extension of time fees are due.

Applicant has paid for twenty total claims and three independent claims. This amendment results in six total claims and one independent claim and no excess claims fee is due.

CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

A change of correspondence address is being submitted herewith.